

## Specification of Corporate Associate Members rights

### Background:

At present, the total number of Units held by Territorial Members (TMs) and Corporate Associate Members (CAMs) is 276.1 (respectively 269 and 7.1). The number of CAMs is expected to grow faster than TMs in the coming years. TMs are the foundational constituents of IUPAP, and they participate in various activities of the Union as members of Commissions, Affiliated Commissions (ACs) and Working Groups (WGs). We now need to evolve a strategy to include CAMs into the activities of IUPAP.

CAMs broadly fall into two categories, (1) companies from the corporate sector, (2) scientific laboratories. CAMs are currently, as outlined in the Articles, entitled to participate in the General Assembly and make nominations, without voting rights. A wider engagement with CAMs, possibly through WG16, is needed to define their expectations and rights etc., before finalizing the model of their formal participation in IUPAP. Some ideas,

(a) Have a dialog (WG16) and seek views of corporate and scientific CAMs. Do they prefer participation in Commissions, ACs, WGs and/or in the IUPAP sponsored conferences?

(b) Explore the participation of CAMs in various Commissions, ACs, WGs as Regular or Associate members.

(c) CAMs should benefit from their IUPAP affiliation. A possible solution could be through their participation in one of the Union's greatest assets, namely, the IUPAP sponsored conferences. The CAMs could be informed about upcoming IUPAP sponsored conferences and may be permitted to register by paying regular registration fees, presenting papers following usual evaluation by the relevant committees, reduced fees for exhibition booths at conferences, special conditions for sponsorship of conferences, etc.

(d) It is realistic to expect that the number of CAMs holding units in the IUPAP would grow more rapidly than the TMs. Therefore, the total number of units—and the corresponding representation within IUPAP bodies— of all CAMs added together should be equivalent or less than that of a medium to large size TM in order to prevent a disparity between both member categories.

We need to prepare for that outcome by expanding the membership of various Commissions to accommodate CAMs, while the representation of TMs remains unchanged. Therefore, the following resolution is proposed for discussion and adoption during the 33<sup>rd</sup> GA in October 2024.

### Proposed resolution

In view of the growing membership of IUPAP and for meeting the requirement of adequate representation of the members (unit holders), it is resolved that the membership of every Commission of the IUPAP will be increased from the present 14 to 15 members. The 15 members, out of which at least one is preferably nominated by a Corporate Associate Member, shall include 12 regular members, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary duly elected during the General Assembly. Representatives from CAMs are permitted to register for IUPAP conferences by paying regular registration fees. Submission of academic contributions are welcomed. CAMs shall be offered preferential conditions for conference exhibition booths and sponsorship of conferences.

To be valid, this resolution—after its adoption—will require a change of Article 5 in the Internal Regulations. However, conference committees are requested to welcome CAMs as outlined already as of 2025.